COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
POLICY AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APPROVED 11/20/24

REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 2024; 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

Dr. Cleopatra Booker, PsyD, Chair

PRESENT

Tiffany Jenkins, Board of Local and Regional Jails
The Honorable Charlie Jett, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Dr. Amanda Trent, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Alison Lautz, Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails
John Rock, Death Investigator, Board of Local and Regional Jails
Lieutenant Colonel Charles Armstrong, Riverside Regional Jail
Deputy Superintendent Jonathan English, Northern Neck Regional Jail
Major E. Jones, Chesterfield Sheriff's Office
Superintendent Michelle Lewis, Northern Neck Regional Jail

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Booker, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees, and confirmed quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Dr. Trent to approve minutes of the July 17, 2024, Committee meeting, second by Mrs. Jenkins. Unanimous approval.

BUSINESS

A. 6VAC15-40 Regulatory Update:

1. Dr. Booker and Mr. Flaherty reviewed the process for Board staff to continue review of the regulations with a plan to present recommendations for Committee consideration. Mr. Flaherty reported that Board staff dedicated several dates to regulatory review: August 21, September 4 and 5, 2024.

2. 6VAC15-40-1045, Supervision of inmates: Mr. Flaherty reported the proposed document is currently being reviewed by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM). Following review, the process requires posting on the Commonwealth's Town Hall website. Chair Booker and Mr. Flaherty shared the success of the collaboration with stakeholders throughout the process.

B. §Section 53.1-68 (B) Code of Virginia regarding Virginia Department of Health (VDH) sanitation inspections: Mr. Flaherty shared the success of collaborating with VDH to review the MOU currently in place with the intent to ensure the continuity of life, health and safety.

C. Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

1. §9.1-192 Code of Virginia regarding reporting death in custody: Mr. Flaherty reported BLRJ has incorporated the required demographic information into the BLRJ Report of Inmate Death. BLRJ collaborated with DCJS to provide the requested information quarterly.

2. Senate Bill 603 workgroup to study recommendations regarding pregnant inmates: Mr. Flaherty reported BLRJ participated in the workgroup, which considered recommendations for services.

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Trent, second by Mrs. Jenkins. Unanimous approval.